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A Brief

RELATION

OF

The taking of *Bridgewater* by the Parliaments Forces under the command of Sir *Tho: Fairfax*, and therein, all the Lord *Gorings* Train, 36. pieces of Ordnance, 2000. priſoners, 800. horſe, with great ſtore of Oxen.

Sent in a Letter to the Committee of both Kingdoms.

Together with

A Letter concerning the deliver-ing up of *Pontefract Caſtle* by Treaty to the uſe of the Parliament, with all the things therein.

Alſo, hopes of reducing *Scarbrough* by treaty.

Sent to the Honorable, William Lenthall *Eſq*; *Speaker to the Houſe of* COMMONS.

ORdered by the Commons in Parliament, That theſe Letters be forthwith printed and publiſhed:

H: Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed for *Edw. Husband*, Printer to the Honorable Houſe of Commons: July 25. 1645.

A Brief

RELATION

OF

The taking of Bridgwater by the

Parliaments Forces under the command

of Sir Thomas Fairfax and therein, all the Ensigns,

Colours Taken, 36. pieces of Ordnance,

2000. prisoners, 800. horse, with

great Store of Corn.

Sent in a Letter to the Committee of both Kingdoms.

Together with

A Letter concerning the delive-

ring up of Farnham Castle by Treaty to the

use of the Parliament with all the ammunition therein.

Also Hopes of Reducing Sherborne by treaty.

Sent to the Honorable William Lenthall Esq;

Speaker to the House of COMMONS.

Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, That this

Letter be forthwith printed and published.

H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

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From Master Samuel Bedford, *Scout-Master to the Committee of both Kingdoms.*

Honoured Sir,

AFter the Generall had taken this side of the Town, we Summoned the Town, they altogether refused, and fired that part of the Town we had taken. The Generall Summoned it again, and told them they should march away, or else if they would yield on some further condition; they denyed, said they would stand it out to

the last man: The Generall perceived their fury, sent to them that he would give leave for all the women and children to come out of the Town: The Governour returned thanks, sent his wife and many Ladyes out; then our men shot wilde-fire into the Town and fired it; whereupon, the Governour sent out to the Generall to Parley: Our Generall refused, only he would be mercifull and spare their lives; whereupon they yielded themselves Prisoners: There was all the Lord *Gorings* train, 36. Peeces of Ordnance, 2000. Prisoners at the least, 800. Horse, and great store of Oxen.

July 23. *four in the morning.*

To

To the Honourable William Lenthall *Esquire, Speaker of the House of Commons.*

SIR,

WEE thought fit the last week to Summon *Pontefract* Castle, which caused the enemy to desire a Treaty; whereupon we appointed Col: *Wastell*, Col: *Copley*, Col: *Overton*, and Col: *Bright*, or any three of them to Treat; and this day it is agreed, that the Castle shall be delivered up to the use of the Parliament, to morrow at eight of the Clock in the morning, with all the things therein, save that the Officers are allowed to carry away what is properly their own, so that it exceed

exceed not what a Cloth-bag will contain; and the Souldiers to March to *Newark* with 200. Muskets, and 200. Pikes. VVe consented to so good conditions, because the Plague is very hot in the Country, and especially in that Town, of which some of our Souldiers are dead. VVe are also in Treaty with *Scarbrough*, which we hope shortly will be Reduced. Thus much we thought fit to give you notice of, desiring the House may be acquainted therewith: From

York the 20. of *July*, 1645.

Your very affectionate Friends and humble Servants,

Fran. Pierrepont,
Wilfrid Lawson,
Henry Cholmley.

Iulii 24. 1645.

ORdered by the Commons Assembled in Parliament, That these Letters concerning the taking of Bridgewater and Pontefract Castle, be forthwith Printed and Published.

H: Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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